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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WEBSTER,

FOR THE

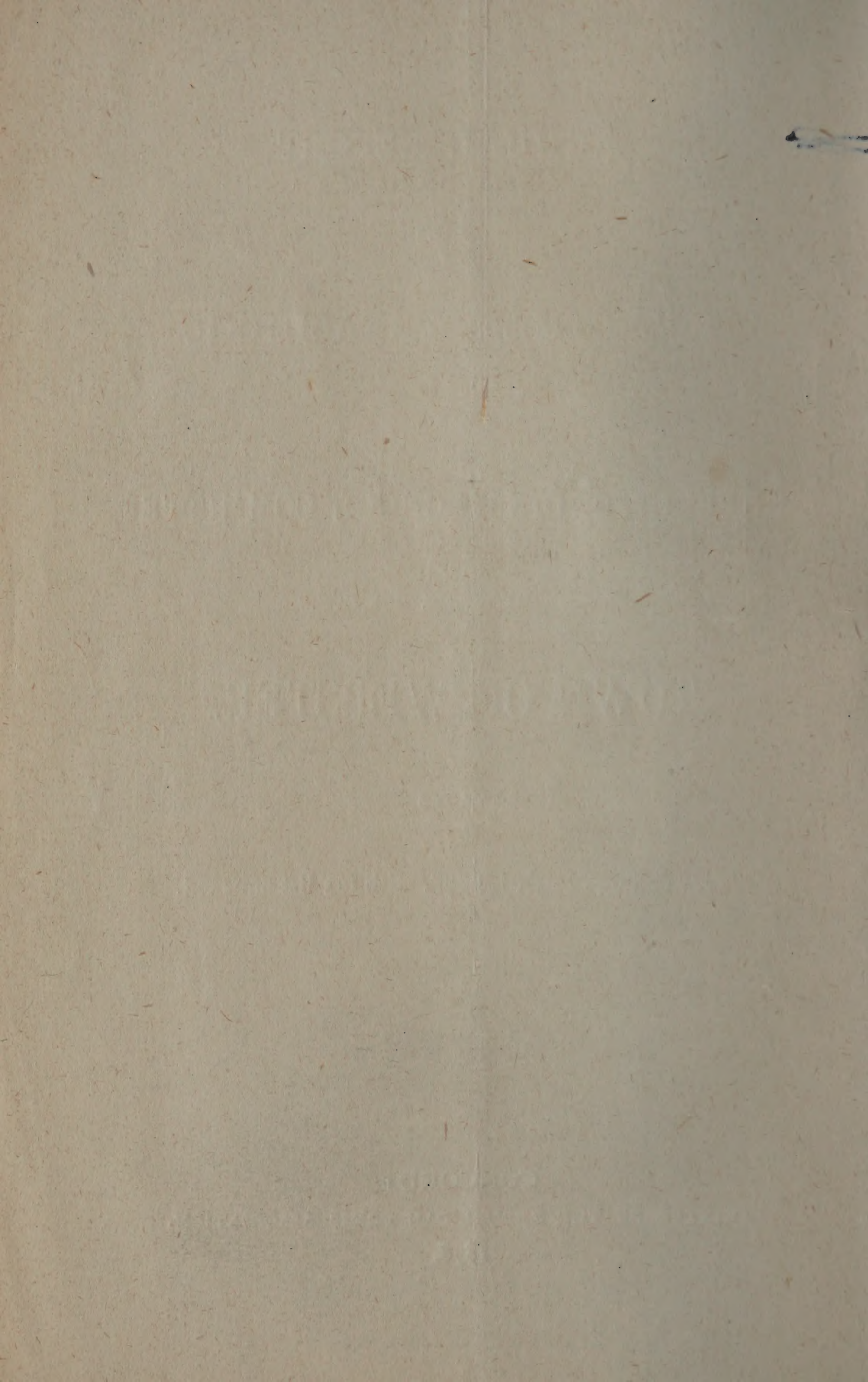
Year ending March 1, 1878, with tax list annexed.

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REPORT.

Amount of taxes committed to the collector for 1877,	\$3,019.72
The collector has paid into the treasury in cash, abatements and receipts for non-resident highway tax worked out,	2,376.39
Due from collector,	<u>\$633.33</u>

RECEIPTS.

Received of former treasurer, cash,	\$889.09
dog tax,	38.00
state bonds,	2,000.00
J. H. Trumbull, collector, 1877,	2,376.39
1876,	438.08
P. W. Whittier, collector, 1874, 1875,	35.28
C. C. Kimball, on note of town,	300.00
Warner bank,	494.17
interest on state bonds,	120.00
county, for support of paupers,	289.90
savings bank tax,	949.20
railroad tax,	125.58
literary fund,	68.37
town of Boscawen, on bridge,	1.50
	<u>\$8,125.56</u>

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Hollis Jackman, repairs and care of town house,	\$3.50
C. C. Kimball, expense and services of 1876,	6.00
J. L. Gerrish, services 1876,	3.00
J. M. Snyder, services 1876,	3.00
Republican Press Association, printing reports 1876,	24.00
C. B. Little, cutting and setting guide-posts,	4.50
C. F. Goodhue making and painting guide-boards,	13.00
Jas. Sanborn, spikes for guide-boards,	.60
C. C. Kimball, use of water,	3.00
Thos. Elliott, “	2.00
O. H. Fitz, “	2.00
P. R. Stevens, “	3.00
Jos. B. Thurber, guide-posts (locust),	2.15
Hollis Jackman, digging graves,	3.00
J. H. Noyes, digging grave,	1.50
L. C. Titcomb, “	1.50
J. F. Sanborn, digging graves and mowing yard,	6.50
Hollis Jackman, repairing house, mowing yard, &c.,	6.00
J. L. Gerrish, horse hire and expense out of town,	7.50
J. L. Gerrish, postage, and searching records,	1.81
J. H. Sanborn, use of water,	2.00
J. M. Snyder, horse out of town,	4.50
making bier for lower yard,	1.00
J. Minot, advice on Blackwater mills,	3.00
Dr. N. H. Arey, damage by dogs in 1876,	9.28
Tyler C. Sweatt, “ “	5.90
F. B. Sawyer, “ “	2.53
W. W. Austin, “ “	3.37

Paid Geo. H. Stone, damage by dogs in 1876,	\$6.75
Jabez Abbott, " "	10.12
H. F. Pearson, bounty on foxes,	2.00
C. F. Goodhue, " "	1.50
J. A. & W. Flanders, bounty on foxes,	1.50
F. S. & L. Putney, " "	1.50
J. L. Gerrish, " "	2.00
bounty on hawk,	.20
Wm. Trussell, " "	.20
C. H. Fitz, " "	.20
Jacob Waldron, " "	.20
J. H. Trumbull, " "	.20
Willie Sanborn, " "	.20
Atherton Sweatt, board and room rent,	19.75
W. W. Austin, chains lost on Blackwater bridge,	5.00
Atherton Sweatt, board and room rent,	19.75
B. W. Sanborn & Co., blanks and stationery,	4.48
J. H. Trumbull, blanks and postage,	2.75
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	\$187.69

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Lewis Silver, surveyor, summer and winter work on roads,	12.50
D. G. Holmes, cutting out snowdrifts, April, 1877,	3.50
S. C. Bailey, cutting out snowdrifts, April, 1877,	1.50
A. S. Burbank, cutting out snowdrifts, April, 1877,	1.50
P. C. Pillsbury, cutting out snowdrifts, April, 1877,	2.40
J. F. Balch, breaking roads,	2.50
Wm. F. Wadleigh, breaking roads,	1.66
Paine Davis, services with road machine,	14.00
Wm. W. Austin, work with team, road machine,	37.87
Ch. D. Glitten, " "	10.00

Paid Cyrus Fitz, work with team,	\$5.67
L. C. Titcomb, work with road machine,	1.25
C. A. Stone, " "	4.00
P. R. Stevens, boarding man and team,	.50
O. H. Fitz, work on road,	2.25
C. C. Kimball, breaking roads,	2.70
Benjamin S. Stone, breaking roads 1876-77,	3.53
S. C. Hanson, work on road, 1876-77,	11.25
J. L. Couch, " "	4.50
Ira A. Call, " "	1.95
Samuel Downing, " "	4.00
Samuel Little, work on road, and plank,	.95
Cyrus Fitz, making culvert (stone),	3.58
Caleb P. Little, making culvert (stone),	1.25
Rice Corser, work on road,	4.20
Frank B. Corser, "	2.25
Kirk Bills, "	1.50
C. F. Blanchard & Son, work on road,	2.85
Phineas Flanders, "	3.90
John Kilborn and team, "	15.75
Isaac C. Waldron, work on roads,	9.80
George Hanson, work on roads 1876-77,	5.00
Humphrey Dodge & Co., iron for bridge and railing,	2.79
J. B. Chase, iron for bridge and railing, and fitting irons to fasten lower bridge,	1.95
J. L. Gerrish, work, lumber, and nails on roads, bridges, and railings,	23.12
J. M. Snyder, shingles for covered bridge,	30.00
Frank B. Corser, shingling covered bridge,	11.55
D. G. Holmes, bridge-plank,	6.90
F. L. Burbank & Son, work and lumber,	37.76
John A. Flanders work on bridge,	1.50
Wm. B. Burpee, lumber and work,	2.25
Lorenzo S. Tilton, cutting bushes,	1.05
Nathan Goodwin, work on bridges,	2.50
Ephraim Little, "	2.00
E. W. Holmes, plank for culvert,	1.10
J. M. Snyder, work on roads and bridges,	6.00

Paid Geo. Little, nails, powder, and fuse,	\$2.82
J. S. Adams, snowing bridge,	1.50
Abial Trumbull, work on culverts,	3.00
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	\$318.45

Non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	\$70.06
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ABATEMENTS.

Sundry abatements,	18.97
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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Ira Call, assistance, John Barnard,	1.50
Rice Corser, care of “	12.00
Wm. Clough, board and clothing for Emily and Ruth E. Clough,	104.00
Harriett, support of C. W. Spaulding,	104.00
Dr. N. H. Arey, attendance, county pau- pers,	37.90
Dr. N. H. Arey, attendance, Susan Sweatt,	13.73
George T. Sanborn, guardian for “	89.56
Geo. Little, cotton cloth and ticking for I. Jackman,	6.00
Edmund Silver, wood for Jackman,	16.50
Roxalana, for support of Ira Jackman,	81.00
D. Putnam, clothing for Dolly Eastman,	1.25
H. Roby, for support of “	92.80
S. S. Committee, books for indigent scholars,	1.60
Hollis Jackman, keeping transient pau- pers,	2.00
J. M. Snyder, keeping transient paupers,	2.50
Wm. W. Austin, “	5.00
Thomas Rainer, for Joseph Leazer,	14.00
Dr. J. R. Cogswell, medical attendance to county paupers,	16.50
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	\$601.84

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Farnsworth Shattuck, agent, No. 1,		\$64.27
Tyler C. Sweatt,	" 2,	65.80
Wm. W. Burbank,	" 3,	104.38
Ira A. Call,	" 4,	60.01
Tristram Sanborn,	" 5,	41.36
F. B. Sawyer,	" 6,	106.31
W. W. Austin,	" 7,	70.69
Daniel G. Holmes,	" 8,	168.41
Thomas Elliott,	" 9,	124.69
Joel A. Cushon,	" 10,	15.04
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		\$820.96

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax,	\$832.00
county tax,	789.98
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	\$1,621.98

BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid C. C. Kimball, bonds and interest,	\$337.08
C. D. Glitten, interest on bonds,	92.70
Clara Couch,	" 24.72
I. D. Merrill,	" 67.98
Eldad Austin,	" 30.90
Calvin Little,	" 30.90
Polly Swasey,	" 30.90
Geo. Little,	" 30.90
J. D. Sanborn,	" 30.90
John Sanborn,	" 30.90
Albe C. Sweatt,	" 30.90
Henry L. Little,	" 30.90

Paid Henry L. Dodge, interest on bonds,	\$185.40
W. W. Austin, " "	61.80
interest, due October 2, 1876,	65.40
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	\$1,082.28

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Kearsarge Bank, note,	\$500.00
C. C. Kimball, note and interest,	302.40
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	\$802.40

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid J. M. Snyder, services as S. S. Committee,	\$10.00
Ephraim Little, " "	16.50
Wm. S. Putney, " "	18.00
Atherton Sweatt, town-clerk,	20.17
town treasurer,	20.00
J. H. Trumbull, collector,	25.00
Abial Trumbull, constable,	4.00
Wm. W. Austin, selectman and overseer of the poor,	41.00
J. M. Snyder, selectman and overseer of the poor,	48.50
J. L. Gerrish, selectman and overseer of the poor,	64.90
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	\$268.07

DEBT OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1878.

In bonds,	\$11,300.00
In note, School District No. 8, Boscawen,	188.00
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	\$11,488.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Paid miscellaneous bills,	\$187.69
roads and bridges,	318.45
school money,	820.96
abatements,	18.97
support of paupers,	601.84
state and county tax,	1,621.98
bonds and interest,	1,082.28
notes and interest,	802.40
non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	70.06
town officers,	268.07
state bonds in treasury,	2,000.00
cash in treasury,	293.86
dog tax,	39.00
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	\$8,125.56

ASSETS.

Due from State Volunteers' bounties, advanced in 1864,	\$958.40
P. W. Whittier, collector, 1875,	104.62
J. H. Trumbull, collector, 1876,	108.00
1877,	643.33
state bond	2,000.00
stock of liquor,	13.88
dog tax,	39.00
cash in treasury,	293.86
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	\$4,161.09
Balance against the town,	\$7,326.91

JAMES L. GERRISH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JAMES M. SNYDER,	
WM. W. AUSTIN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Webster.</i>

RESIDENT TAX.

NAMES.	State, County, Town, and School Taxes.	Highway Taxes.	NAMES.	State, County, Town, and School Taxes.	Highway Taxes.
Austin, Eldad	\$11 47	\$4 58	Couch, John G.	23 08	9 20
Austin, Wm. W.	23 74	8 16	Couch, David N.	94	38
Austin, Eunice W.	6 88	2 75	Couch, John B.	94	38
Abbott, Jabez.	16 22	6 47	Chase, George C.	10 19	4 07
Abbott, Warren.	94	38	Danforth, Charles S.	3 76	1 50
Arey, Nathaniel H.	18 22	7 27	Downing, Samuel.	94	38
Adams, Ezekiel, Estate of. .	5 59	2 24	Dodge, Henry L.	36 85	14 70
Adams, Jay.	94	38	Downer, Anna.	9 35	3 74
Burbank, Azro S.	27 24	10 46	Dunklee, Calvin.	94	38
Bailey, Samuel C.	6 07	2 42	Drown, Oscar A.	1 94	38
Buxton, Edward.	5 50	2 20	Davis, Nathan, Estate of. .	7 52	3 00
Brackett, Henry C.	1 41	57	Davis, Theodore.	18 80	7 50
Brackett, Henry J.	2 12	84	Davis, Nathaniel A., Est. of.	3 76	1 50
Brackett, Charles A.	18 34	7 32	Dunbar, Jonathan N.	1 41	56
Burpee, William B.	11 28	4 50	Downing, Susan, Mrs.	1 41	56
Bennett, Andrew P.	3 29	1 32	Emmons, Mary J.	6 11	2 44
Burbank, Little, Estate of. .	9 40	3 35	Eastman, Daniel C.	11 56	4 62
Brown, James P.	2 23	50	Elliott, Thomas.	27 37	10 52
Brown, George H.	94	38	Elliott, William P.	8 63	3 45
Burbank, Irvin A.	1 88	75	Eastman, True.	94	38
Burbank, Friend L.	27 09	10 41	Fitz, Orlando H.	20 79	7 90
Burbank, Wm. W.	22 18	8 55	Fitz, Cyrus.	35 08	14 00
Barnard, John.	1 94	38	Fitz, Charles H.	1 81	73
Blackwater Mills.	50 29	20 07	Fairbanks, Hamlet B.	2 68	97
Blanchard, Carter F.	3 06	1 22	Flanders, Lucian P.	94	38
Bills, Kirk H.	4 70	1 88	Flanders, Phineas.	2 29	92
Balch, Isaac F.	33 84	13 50	Flanders, John A.	18 14	7 24
Ballou, Horace.	94	38	Fisk, F. F. & W. T.	30 08	12 00
Corser, Freeman.	15 49	6 17	Flanders, Daniel, Estate of.	94	38
Corser, Hamilton P.	7 52	3 00	French, Reuben E.	18 89	7 54
Corser, Hamlet.	47	19	George, Wm. L.	21 29	8 50
Cross, Joseph A.	2 23	50	George, Charles.	12 85	4 73
Couch, Joseph, Estate of. .	34 31	13 69	George, William D.	11 20	4 47
Colby, Charles S.	19 55	7 80	Glitten, Charles D.	58 25	22 84
Colby, James L.	94	38	Goodwin, Nathan.	1 46	56
Corser, Luke.	8 70	3 67	Goodwin, Harris.	6 64	2 25
Corser, Rice.	9 90	3 95	Gerald, Adaline, Mrs.	2 82	1 13
Corser, Frank B.	1 94	38	Goodhue, James B.	19 83	7 91
Clough, William.	47 33	18 89	Goodhue, Charles F.	94	38
Clough, William H.	3 49	99	Gerrish, H. H. & J. L.	43 19	17 24
Chase, John B.	14 63	5 44	Gerrish, Thomas.	15 59	6 22
Courser, Thomas J.	24 61	9 82	Hill, Walter M.	1 18	47
Clifford, Hiram.	12 66	5 06	Huntoon, William A.	14 45	5 77
Call, Benjamin F.	10 34	4 13	Hanson, Stephen C.	4 94	1 98
Call, Ira A.	2 12	84	Hanson, George.	3 59	1 04
Call, Herbert L.	94	38	Holmes, Willard M.	6 58	2 63
Couch, Joseph L.	20 54	8 20	Holmes, Daniel G.	3 24	1 29

Holmes, Melinda B., Mrs....	4	47	1	79	Sanborn, Rosetta R.....	19	36	7	73
Holmes, Edward W.....	7	25	2	49	Shepard, Franklin A.....	8	85	3	54
Heath, Moses F.....	4	00	1	59	Silver, Lewis.....	6	49	2	59
Horn, Erastus W.....	15	04	6	00	Silver, Edmund.....	11	55	4	21
Hoyt, Jason R. C.....	11	75	4	69	Sanborn, Jesse D.....	60	64	23	79
Hall, Hannah H.....	5	88	2	35	Sanborn, Tristram.....	3	20	1	28
Holt, James A.....	94	38			Sanborn, John.....	20	35	8	12
Horn, Paul C.....	2	27	51		Sanborn, Joseph K.....	34	78	13	88
Jackman, Hollis.....	4	04	1	61	Sanborn, Heman B.....	14	57	5	42
Jackman, Joseph W.....	11	28	4	50	Sanborn, Ezra.....	12	86	5	13
Jackman, George W.....	1	27	50		Sanborn, Joseph H.....	17	12	6	41
Jackman, Jeremiah C.....	1	94	38		Shaw, Greenleaf C.....	4	04	1	62
Jones, Gilman.....	13	03	4	80	Sweatt, Atherton.....	19	80	7	90
Jones, John.....	1	88	75		Sweatt, Levi.....	7	29	2	91
Jackman, Benjamin F.....	8	55	3	01	Shattuck, Farnsworth.....	15	65	6	24
Johnson, John.....	94	38			Shattuck, Frank P.....	94	38		
Kilborn, Lucien M.....	3	76	1	50	Simpson, Horace.....	27	95	11	15
Kilborn, Elizabeth.....	3	76	1	50	Simpson, Walter J.....	1	94	38	
Kilborn, John.....	6	47	2	58	Snyder, James M.....	9	64	3	85
Kimball, Charles C.....	36	03	14	38	Sweatt, William M.....	6	58	2	63
Kimball, Charlie.....	5	88	2	35	Sweatt, Albe C.....	9	40	3	75
Kilborn, Albert P.....	46	34	18	49	Small, James R.....	94	38		
Little, Hiram, Estate of....	6	54	2	63	Spaulding, Harriett.....	6	27	2	51
Little, Samuel.....	15	93	6	36	Spead, Samuel P.....	3	62	1	45
Little, Charles B.....	16	54	6	60	Sawyer, Francis B.....	39	76	15	86
Little, Caleb P.....	1	52	61		Stone, George W.....	19	74	7	88
Lord, Abner.....	5	46	2	18	Stone, Cyrus.....	1	88	75	
Little, Simeon B., Estate of.	15	98	6	38	Stone, Cyrus A.....	1	41	56	
Little, George.....	22	93	9	17	Stone, Gilman C.....	15	13	6	14
Little, Phebe.....	9	40	3	75	Stone, Peter.....	36	11	14	41
Little, Calvin.....	31	41	12	14	Stone, Benjamin S.....	11	77	4	70
Little, Sherman.....	29	72	11	45	Stone, Melvin T.....	94	38		
Little, Ephraim.....	25	29	10	09	Stone, Hiram G.....	24	58	9	81
Little, George B.....	94	38			Stevens, Plummer R.....	15	46	6	17
Little, Priscilla.....	4	70	1	88	Sweatt, Benjamin, Est. of..	5	64	2	25
Morse, Ezekiel.....	2	01	81		Sweatt, Harvey.....	8	74	3	49
Morrill, Mary C.....	7	52	3	00	Sweatt, Levi, guardian.....	7	52	3	00
Mayo, Eli.....	1	94	38		Sanborn, George T.....	20	82	7	91
Milton, Daniel.....	6	72	2	68	Smiley, Ephraim H.....	11	00	4	39
Nelson, Albert F.....	94	38			Simpson, E. C., Mrs.....	6	30	2	51
Noyes, Nicholas M.....	7	38	2	95	Simpson, George L.....	3	53	1	44
Noyes, Joseph H.....	5	70	1	82	Simpson, Richmond W.....	94	38		
Ordway, James M.....	94	38			Stone, George H.....	5	63	2	25
Pearson, William.....	1	54	62		Smith, George W.....	7	05	2	82
Putney, Charles E.....	94	38			Sweatt, Orrison.....	94	38		
Putney, Charles E.....	22	87	8	73	Swasey, Polly, Mrs.....	4	70	1	88
Putney, Francis S.....	29	27	11	28	Sweatt, Greenleaf.....	94	38		
Putney, William S.....	24	36	9	32	Trumbull, Abial.....	17	39	6	94
Pillsbury, Parker C.....	24	99	9	97	Trumbull, James H.....	6	44	2	57
Page, Alonzo F.....	97	39			Trussell, William.....	10	20	4	08
Pearson, Rebecca, Estate of.	7	52	3	00	Thurber, Joseph B.....	25	68	10	25
Pillsbury, Paul.....	11	39	4	55	Tilton, Hiram.....	13	40	5	34
Pillsbury, Moody A.....	18	49	5	38	Tilton, Charles G.....	94	38		
Pearson, Paul.....	12	22	4	88	Tilton, Hiram W.....	4	41	1	77
Pearson, Henry F.....	2	34	94		Tilton, Lorenzo S.....	1	25	49	
Page, Moses.....	94	38			Titcomb, Samuel T.....	3	10	1	24
Pearson, John C.....	14	10	5	63	Titcomb, Luther C.....	16	40	6	54
Pearson, Eliza, Mrs.....	7	52	3	00	Titcomb, Mary, Miss.....	94	38		
Richardson, Marsh.....	14	96	5	55	Whittier, Moses.....	14	76	5	89
Roberts, Frank.....	1	79	71		Whittier, John S.....	12	55	5	00
Rolfe, David O.....	11	80	4	70	Whittier, Phinehas W.....	16	02	5	99
Rice, Lewis A.....	1	88	75		Whittier, Ira.....	1	13	45	
Roberts, Daniel W.....	1	13	45		Whittier, Wyatt B., Est. of.	2	59	1	04
Roby, Hiram.....	10	77	4	30	Whittier, George F.....	94	38		
Roby, Lyman.....	11	64	4	65	Watson, Charles.....	94	38		
Runals, Albert.....	34	78	13	88	Wadleigh, William F.....	28	82	11	14
Ryan, John.....	1	94	38		Watson, Cyrus W., Estate of	6	91	2	76
Richardson, Frederick G.....	94	38			Watson, Newel.....	94	38		
Sweatt, Tyler C.....	20	45	8	16	Waldron, Isaac C.....	4	48	1	39

Webber, Horatio N.....	2 82	1 13	Watts, Charles F.....	1 65	66
Walker, William E.....	94	38	Webster, Orris D.....	2 18	47
Watts, William.....	1 94	38	Webster, Moses.....	8 51	3 39

NON-RESIDENT TAX.

Thompson, James.....	5 64	2 25	Dow, Samuel.....	12 22	4 88
Whittaker & Co.....	1 41	57	Page, Tristram.....	4 23	1 69
Wilson, Ellen L.....	14 10	5 63	Watson, Nicodemus.....	3 29	1 32
Barnard, William E.....	7 52	3 00	Knight, Harry.....	1 41	57
Dustin, Daniel P.....	3 76	1 50	Eastman, William D.....	2 82	1 13
Tuttle, Charles N.....	9 40	3 75	Jones, Daniel.....	1 18	48
Barnard, Joseph.....	12 22	4 88	Jones, John, guardian.....	94	38
Holmes, Albert.....	94	38	Kimball, Austin G.....	7 52	3 00
Abbott, Asaph.....	4 70	1 88	Flanders & Dustin.....	2 82	1 13
Colby, Seth N.....	94	38	Hoyt, Sewell, Estate of.....	3 76	1 50
Moulton, William M.....	2 82	1 13	Stanwood, Joseph, heirs.....	3 76	1 50
Owners unknown.....	1 18	48	Putnam, Charles.....	11 28	4 50
Chase, Harvey.....	15 51	6 20	Danforth, Albert.....	3 76	1 50
Jones.....	3 76	1 50	Merrill, Stephen A.....	3 76	1 50
Sanborn, Moses C.....	3 76	1 50	Huntoon, John, Estate of.....	1 41	57
Holmes & Co.....	16 92	6 75	Perkins, Hamilton E.....	3 76	1 50
Brown, George.....	2 82	1 13	Farnum, Abner D.....	9 40	3 75
Loving, Benjamin.....	11 28	4 50	Couch, Amos.....	47	19
Pillsbury, Sarah.....	9 40	3 76	Hill, Calvin B.....	16 92	6 75
Ferrin, Henry.....	1 41	57	Sanborn, James F.....	1 88	75
Hardy, Charles W.....	94	38	Sweatt, George.....	2 13	85
Whitney.....	94	38	Barnard, Daniel.....	2 82	1 13
Fowler, Prentice.....	1 88	75	Libbee, William T.....	1 88	75
Runnells, George.....	3 76	1 50	Runnells, Luther.....	56	23
Stark, Charles.....	5 64	2 25	Keyes, I. N. & Co.....	56 40	22 51
Scribner, Sarah D.....	94	38	Carpenter, Sarah.....	1 41	57
Davis, Walter S.....	1 18	48	Rines & Dudley.....	10 34	4 13

The foregoing is a copy of the list of state, county, town, school, and highway taxes, assessed on residents and non-residents in the town of Webster, for the year 1877.

JAMES L. GERRISH,	}	<i>Selectmen of Webster.</i>
JAMES M. SNYDER,		
WILLIAM W. AUSTIN,		

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the town of Webster :

The schools during the year past have been, all things considered, as successful as could reasonably be expected. The teachers have tried to improve their pupils in deportment, as well as to promote their knowledge of the sciences. This is as it should be. The manner in which the pupils enter or leave the school-room, and their conduct towards one another and towards their teacher, are matters of importance in their education.

Our schools should be nurseries of good manners, should develop, cultivate, and refine the social nature of the pupil, and exert a healthy moral influence. Our youth should be taught to *think*. They should be taught to make use of what they already know, in learning more ; and that patient labor in the acquisition of knowledge, as well as in the acquisition of all else that is truly desirable, will produce the best results. In this manner they will be taught manfully to meet the various duties, trials, and vicissitudes of life, successfully

to turn their hand to whatever comes up to be done, and, by courageous industry, self-denial, and perseverance, overcome the obstacles that beset them, making life itself a success, and a training for a nobler and better life hereafter. We are pleased to see that our teachers comprehend in some good degree the nature and importance of their work.

That the citizens of Webster feel an unabated interest in our schools is manifest by the three hundred and eighty visitors reported.

Regularity of attendance and punctuality are cardinal virtues, and parents, pupils, and teachers should labor together to raise the standard of our schools in these particulars. Henceforth there is to be in the school registers a "ROLL OF HONOR," "including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy." While there have been quite a number who have come up to this mark the past year, it is hoped there will be many more the coming season.

DISTRICT No. 1 (*Sweatt's Mills*).

Summer term—Miss Mary A. Connor, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 7; wages per month, including board, \$18; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Connor labored hard to interest and instruct her pupils. Some made good improvement; others might have done better. In a short school like this, scholars must attend regularly in order to receive much benefit. P.

Winter term—Mr. Arthur C. Call, teacher. Length of school, 5 3-5 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 9.

Mr. Call entered the school-room in the capacity of teacher for the first time, with the determination to do his duty. At

the examination we found he had succeeded very well in carrying out his design.

The order was quite good, and fair progress had been made in most of the branches. Penmanship received particular attention. Mr. Call labored under some disadvantages, but we wish him success as a teacher. S.

DISTRICT No. 2 (*Pleasant street*).

Summer term—Miss Mary R. Webster, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 6; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, $13\frac{1}{2}$.

Fall term—same teacher. Length of school in weeks, 7; wages per month, including board, \$20.; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, $15\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Webster's former good reputation as teacher was fully sustained. Perfect harmony seemed to exist between teacher and scholars, and good order was maintained. Considering the length of school, most of the scholars made very good improvement. We think they deserve a better house.

P.

DISTRICT No. 3 (*Corser Hill*).

Summer term—Miss Carrie E. Pearson, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$22; whole number of pupils, 20; average attendance, $18\frac{3}{4}$.

Miss Pearson had not the benefit of great experience, yet she showed decided capacity as a teacher, evincing a happy tact in winning the good-will of her pupils, as well as great skill and clearness in giving instruction. The order was good, and the progress very satisfactory. Those who witnessed the closing examination—and a goodly number had that privilege—must have felt that the money this term has cost has been well spent.

Winter term—Miss Helen M. Putney, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks ; wages per month, including board, \$24 ; whole number of pupils, 18 ; average attendance, 16 8-9.

Miss Putney has been long in the work, having taught one hundred and forty-two months, and has brought her experience to bear with positive benefit upon the school. The order was good, and the progress commendable. The report of “average scholarship” shows that perfect lessons formed the rule, and imperfect ones the exceptions. L.

DISTRICT No. 4 (*Battle Street*).

Summer term—Miss Minnie V. Smith, teacher. Length of school, 5 weeks ; wages per month, including board, \$20 ; whole number of scholars, 8 ; average attendance, 6 1-25.

Though the term has been short, the progress has been commendable. The school appeared well at the examination, both as respects order and improvement. There was but one tardy mark, and only two for absence. The low average reported was caused by a part of the scholars not entering the school till the third week. L.

Winter term—Arthur C. Call, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8 ; wages per month, including board, \$20 ; whole number of scholars, 10 ; average attendance, 8.

This is Mr. Call's second attempt at teaching. At the closing examination we found several visitors present. The order was good. The progress in reading and spelling, and also, in the smaller classes, in arithmetic, was quite good, but the larger classes was not so familiar with the blackboard as we would like to have seen. Classes in geography had passed over considerable ground, but not quite as thoroughly as we should desire. The writing-books showed that penmanship had not been neglected, but a little more care on the part of some scholars would have made their books look much better. P.

DISTRICT No. 5 (*Sanborn Hill*).

Summer term—Miss Jettie Thurber, teacher. Length of school, 6 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$14; whole number of pupils, 8; average attendance, 7 3-10.

At our first visit we found this school in a prosperous condition. A few scholars coming in from other districts made it more pleasant for both teacher and pupil. This was Miss Thurber's first term, but she was very much interested in her school. The order was first rate, and, as we anticipated at the commencement, the school passed a commendable examination. S.

Winter term—Miss Emma J. Flanders, teacher. Length of school, 7 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$17; whole number of pupils, 18; average attendance, 13 6-7.

Miss Flanders has taught in this district a number of times before, which speaks well for her as a teacher. A large part of the school came from other districts this term. The scholars made good progress in nearly all the branches taught, including recitations and writing. The order was very good. S.

DISTRICT No. 6 (*Little Hill*).

Summer term—Miss M. Lizzie Putnam, teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$26; whole number of pupils, 12; average attendance, 10 1-5.

Winter term—taught by same teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks, a part of which was sustained by subscription; wages per month, including board, \$26; whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 13 8-25.

Miss Putnam is fitted by natural endowment and thorough education for a first-class teacher, and has devoted herself diligently and conscientiously to her work. Both terms have

been profitable in a high degree. The teacher has made the path of learning pleasant, though laborious it must ever be, and has taught the pupils much that is not found in their text-books.

The classes made good advancement in their several studies, and thoroughly mastered what they went over. The order of the school, as well as its moral and social influence, was excellent. L.

DISTRICT No. 7 (*White Plain*).

Summer term—Miss Sarah E. Sawyer, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; wages per month (board given), \$9; whole number of pupils, 12; average attendance about 10.

Miss Sawyer's first term, yet she presided over her charge with dignity and ease, and seemed very much at home in the school-room. She was thorough in her instruction, and solid progress was made. Some of the scholars ~~was~~ irregular in their attendance—a fact much to be regretted, since it is discouraging to their teacher, unpleasant for their classmates, and injurious to themselves.

Winter term—Miss Ellen K. Abbott, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; wages per month (board given), \$20; whole number of pupils, 13.

Miss Abbott has had her usual success, to say which is to give high praise, for her usual success is admirable. The school appeared well, and the term has been a profitable one. With pleasure we record that the attendance has been uninterrupted, and that there has not been even a single instance of tardiness. L.

DISTRICT No. 8 (*Bashan*).

Summer term—Miss Mattie George, teacher. Length of

school in weeks, 8 ; wages per month, including board, \$26 ; whole number of scholars, 29 ; average attendance 24 5-8.

Winter term—same teacher. Length of school in weeks, 12 ; wages per month, including board, \$31.42 ; whole number of scholars, 31 ; average attendance, 24+.

This school is the longest and largest of any in town, numbering ninety-eight days of school. Two scholars went through the whole ninety-eight days without receiving a mark—E. Maud Burbank and Effa A. Burbank. Grace D. Holmes received but one tardy mark, Bertie E. Holmes and Ada F. Holmes received but two tardy marks, and one absent one each ; and several others stood nearly as well. So much for punctuality. Miss George is one of the most experienced teachers in town, having taught sixty-six and a half months. Especial attention was paid to reading, and much satisfaction was felt in witnessing the improvement in this branch ; while the manner in which the scholars solved problems, recited lessons, spoke pieces, and answered questions, was no less pleasing to the committee.

At the winter examination, the day was very stormy. Some of the scholars were not present, but those that were did credit to themselves and teacher.

P.

DISTRICT No. 9 (*Putney*).

Summer term—Miss E. Etta Moulton, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 9 ; wages per month, including board, \$19 ; whole number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 15.

Miss Moulton is a teacher of but little experience, but bids fair to be an excellent one. Most of the scholars are young, but advanced for children of their age. The school appeared well. The order was good, and recitation prompt.

Had there been more thorough drill in reading, especially

in the larger classes, we should not hesitate to pronounce this term A No. 1. P.

Winter term—Mr. Edward Wayne, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks ; wages per month, including board, \$20 ; whole number of pupils, 27 ; average attendance, 19.

The school passed a very good examination in all respects except order, which was deficient. The teacher has had considerable experience, having taught thirty-six months. We are of the opinion that he labored hard for the advancement of the school. Mr. Wayne gave the reading classes a thorough drill, and the progress in arithmetic showed that that had not been passed over lightly. s.

In consequence of the reduction of Webster's share of the State tax, the amount that the town is required by law to raise for support of schools is less than it was previous to the last apportionment. As a result, our schools have been shorter the past year than heretofore. In two districts the deficiency has been met by voluntary contributions, and the evil of short schools has been avoided. At Little Hill the school was continued several weeks by subscription, and at White Plain the board at both terms was given. In all the other districts the schools have been shorter than they were the previous year.

Considering the fact that many of our youth have no educational advantages except those afforded them by the district school, would it not, fellow-citizens, be well for the town to vote an increase of school-money above the

requirement of the law, so as to make the sum at least equal to what it was previous to last year?

Respectfully submitted,

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